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In re Patent Application of:  
Leonard KATZ et al.

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For: PRODUCTION OF POLYKETIDES

Examiner: Nashaat T. Nashed

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application.

Applicants respectfully thank Examiner Nashed for his phone calls of January 21, 2008 and January 22, 2008. Applicants' discussions with the Examiner were very useful in getting the pending claims in condition for allowance.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.